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Bay Will Get Full Bill for Sheppard Job

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Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze said today that Bay Village will be assessed the entire cost of the Cleveland Police Department's investigation into the Marilyn Sheppard murder.

Mayor Celebrezze indicated last week that regular man-hours worked by Cleveland detectives would be eliminated in computing the total bill.

However, he said today, in order to avoid a state examiner's ruling against the city, that nothing would be eliminated.

Cleveland police worked nearly 5,400 man-hours on the murder case. The amount due for their salaries, plus mileage and additional expenses, is expected to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

A search by five specially-equipped swimmers in the Lake Erie area behind the Bay Village home in which Mrs. Sheppard was beaten to death failed to uncover the missing weapon used in the murder.

The amateur "frog men," led by Jay Gorham, 26, of 347 E. 255th St., Euclid, reported that they went some 500 feet into the lake during their search Saturday and Sunday but were hampered by muddy water.

The weapon and a T-shirt worn by Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, the victim's husband, shortly before the murder, have never been recovered.